

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

August 14, 2013

Meeting Number 11

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
Shane Whitaker, Treasurer
Bill Alston, Vice Chairman
Craig Macon, Secretary
Matt Canoy, Member

Others Present:

Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Wes Hicks, S&W Technician
Kirsten Frazier, Guest
Sandra Weitzel, NCDACS
Randy Blackwood, NRCS

Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Supervisor travel vouchers were signed and returned.

Staff Calendars and Timesheets were given to supervisors at this time. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda which included Staff Calendars and Timesheets.

ACTION ITEMS:

Minutes from the June 12, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve these minutes with the corrections.

The minutes from the June 12, 2013 Called Teleconference were reviewed and corrections were made. Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve these minutes with the corrections.

The Treasurer's Report for July and August were presented. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept both Treasurer's Reports.

The NRCS Report was given as follows by Blackwood:

- Blackwood reported that A. Little is on a four month detail to Raleigh and Alan Walker is currently filling in. Walker will be visiting districts in the near future to discuss Open Meetings and National 1619. More information to come as soon as his visit is scheduled.
- Tim Beard, the new NRCS State Conservationist, has begun his duties in North Carolina.
- Discussion was had regarding the local workgroup. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to hold the workgroup meeting now due to time constraints on the deadline. The information will remain the same as last year – no changes/additions.
- Discussion was had regarding the Operational Agreement. Parks will email a copy to Alan Walker.

The RC&D Report was given as follows by Alston:

- Alston reported that the Lassiter Dam Project had been rained out- the new schedule date is August 26, 2013.

Parks gave the Education Report as follows:

- Parks gave Enviroscape presentations throughout the day during the Uwharrie Charter Academy Open House in June.
- Staff presented the Sammy Soil Saver Puppet Show in July at the Ramseur Public Library and the Seagrove Public Library.
- Parks distributed an updated Education Brochure to all of the Randolph County Schools. Parks will be mailing the new updated brochure to all of the Asheboro City Schools in August.

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that the Commission approved a one year extension for contract #76-11-01-02. (Gene Frazier).
- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve contract #76-2014-001 supplement to contract #76-2013-009 for \$18,536.
- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, with Canoy abstaining, the board voted to accept an application for A. Capps – waste storage structure.
- K. Whitaker reported that an RFP for contract #76-13-05-02 (\$2,354) was submitted for payment outside the board meeting.
- K. Whitaker reported that we have been allowed, by the State, to encumber 40% of our last year's allocation until our new allocation has been released.

K. Whitaker gave the High Rock Lake Project Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported A. Hogan's PY13 contract that split funds was rewritten as a PY14 contract with all CA funds and has already been approved in IBEAM. This creates NO changes in the contract. Canoy moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously approved this. The board also recommended to place a note in this file that this contract was NOT cancelled due to the producer's fault so this producer will NOT be penalized for future applications, this producer will be exempt from the ten year rule stated in the Randolph SWCD Policies and Procedures.

K. Whitaker gave the CREP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that she is waiting on funds to be released so a contract for Myers can be written.

K. Whitaker gave the CCAP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker gave an update on the Piedmont Triad Water Authority contract.
- K. Whitaker gave an update on the application scoring for CCAP.

K. Whitaker presented an application for J. Hill – he is applying for ACSP and AgWRAP. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept an application for J. Hill – no-till, cisterns, and other items.

K. Whitaker presented a Conservation Plan for M. McKinney – S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve this conservation plan.

A list of NC S&W Commission Actions for July was shared with the board.

Soil testing changes (now every three years) were shared with the board for information.

The Outreach to Affiliated Associations/Communities was given as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that she was scheduled to give a tour of the CCAP project at the Courier Tribune, but was canceled.

-Whitaker Farms was a part of NRCS Training for New Employees – their tobacco farm was used and S. Whitaker assisted in this tour.

The Annual Report was presented for Approval. Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2012-2013 Annual Report.

It was shared with the board that the Piedmont TRC Supervisor Seat nominations are being accepted for Area's 3, 4, and 7. These elections will be held at the Area Fall Meetings in 2013.

Weitzel shared with the board information on the new Division Region Map and information on our new Area Coordinators – Ralston James and Steve Bennett. Weitzel is now the new Education Outreach and Training Specialist for the Division.

Weitzel reported that there has been a materials donation request for the Hugh Hammond Bennett Mobile Soil Education Lab. Districts are being asked to donate items, no longer needed/being used, to this mobile unit.

Information was presented regarding NCFSWC – On-Farm Water Resources Projects Request for Proposals. The Deadline for this is September 30, 2013.

Discussion was had regarding the SW Regional Environmental Education Mini Grants. Up to 18 grants will be awarded for outdoor environmental education in the following states: KY, TN, AL, GA, NC, and MS. Staff was instructed to look into this grant.

A new "Hours of Operation" schedule for the office was presented for approval. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to accept this schedule of hours of operation.

The NCFSWC Request for Districts input was brought back up from the June 2013 board meeting.

Weitzel reported on the following:

- There are several possible retirements coming up in the next year or so.
- There is the possibility of Division tech teams in the future.
- Weitzel serves on the NRCS Civil Rights Committee.

S. Whitaker will be attending the CCAP Meeting on August 29th while Frazier, Parks, and K. Whitaker will be attending the District Operations Committee Meeting and the Area Alignment Meeting in Greensboro the same day.

Information regarding an Outdoor Environmental Learning Centers District Needs Survey was presented to the board.

A SWC Commission Meeting Notice for August 23, 2013 was presented to the board.

Information regarding the NRCS Cultural Diversity Celebration Day (rescheduled for December 10th at the Halifax Ag Center.

At 9:45 a.m. the board went into closed session with S. Whitaker excusing himself from the meeting and the closed session. Personnel items will be discussed during the closed session.

At 10:23 a.m. the meeting was open back to the public.

The following Informational Items were presented:

- ENOTES – NACD
- Area 3 Reports & Calendars by Ralston James and Steve Bennett
- Sandra's Area 3 Report for July
- NCDA&CS Newsletter
- Information regarding the Opportunity to Engage Local Government in Local Food – Webinar
- Supervisor Subsistence Rate change
- Randolph County Commissioners Meetings and Agenda Schedules

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Board Meeting will be September 11, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.
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